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Mr. James R. Hoffa, General President
International Brotherhood of Teamsters
25 Louisiana Ave., N. W.
Washington 1, D. C.

Dear Sir and Brother:

This is in regard to a letter received in your office
from a John R. Davis, apparently a Technical Engineer
who is desirous of obtaining information on organiza-
tion within the International Brotherhood of Teamsters,
in Alaska and the Northwest part of the United States.

I have communicated with our representative in Alaska
and he has indicated to me that Technical Engineers
are as well organized as they possibly could be in the
Alaska area under present circumstances. In Alaska
as well as the Northwest area of the United States,
there are local unions representing the Technical
Engineers wherever possible.

I can appreciate Mr. Davis' situation as they are
probably not getting the representation the Teamsters
give their membership by virtue of the type of members
in their local union. These people are generally pro-
fessional people and from past experiences, I have
found that they generally prefer association-type or-
ganization rather than trade union organization.

I will make further inquiry into the Northwest area
and ascertain whether the strengthening of this or-
ganization or suggested affiliation would be to our
advantage as well as to those affiliated with the
Technical Engineers.

After further inquiry, I will make a report to you.

Fraternally yours,
Robert L. Graham
Robert L. Graham
Assistant to the President

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X Organizing Engineer
Engineering Blanks

March 19, 1959

Mr. John R. Davis
2222 3rd St., N. E.
Puyallup, Washington

Dear Mr. Davis:

Thank you for your letter of recent date. I can assure you our organization will look into the Alaskan sites, as it effects the engineering field.

I am forwarding your correspondence to our Western Conference office at San Francisco, who has jurisdiction over this area.

Very truly yours,

H. J. Gibbons
Executive Assistant to the
General President

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cc: Elmer O. Mohr

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Dr Mr. Hoffa

John R. Davis
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We all are aware of
your organizational abilities and sincerely
wish you would look into the
engineering field in the Northwest
and Alaska

Engineers, architects,
draftsmen and field survey men
are the lowest paid employees
in the building and heavy construction
industry in the Northwest.

The Technical Engineers
Union in this area is the weakest
union in the same field, it is
close to a company dominated
association, instead of a union.

A common laborer
in Seattle receives \$2.95 per hr
+ 20% health and welfare and

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in most cases travel time of
*3.00 a day.

Engineering personnel working
on the same jobs are mostly
non union, recruited in Arkansas
Oklahoma, and Mississippi and
are paid between \$2.00 an hr
and 2.50 per hr with no fringe
benefits and no travel time and
are usually on the administrative
payroll and have to work over-
time without extra compensation

Local engineering personnel
are just begging to be organized
into a good union, and I
think that you could sure help

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arrange something for them

The technical engineers
union here turns a deaf ear
when called upon to do
something about wages and
working conditions for these
men.

Dave Beck wrote an
editorial in the Teamster magazine
right after he became president
and said that if industry
and management would not do
anything for the engineers that
he would, but unfortunately he
is no longer able to help.

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I sure wish you would
look into the engineering field
here and if I can be
of any help, have your organizers
call on me at my home.

Sincerely
John R. Davis

This is national engineers
week, and a statement from
you would be appropriate now

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